

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

The Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-28 of the present application. The Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's willingness to hold a personal interview with the Applicant's representative on August 16, 2005.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 4, 8 and 26 are amended. No new matter is added. Thus, claims 1-28 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

Interview Summary

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's willingness to hold a personal interview with the Applicant's representative on August 16, 2005. In the Interview, the Examiner's rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC § 112 was discussed, as were possible claim amendments to overcome this rejection. It was proposed that amending claim 4 as set forth herein may serve to overcome the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC § 112.

Objection to Claims 1-28

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-28 were objected to for informalities. Claims 1, 4, 8 and 26 have been amended responsive to this objection. If any additional amendment is necessary to overcome the objection, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Rejection of Claims 5 and 6 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 4 has been amended so as to render claims 5 and 6 definite. Thus, the amendment of claim 4 overcomes the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. If any additional amendment is necessary to overcome this rejection, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

By the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant has overcome the objection to claims 1-28 and the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC § 112. Thus, a Notice of Allowability of claims 1-28 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number **108075-00121**.

Respectfully submitted,



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